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SUBJ: FOREIGN SECRETARY RETURNS FROM MOSCOW

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1. FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN RETURNED FROM
MOSCOW YESTERDAY (DECEMBER 18) AFTER HIS TWO-DAY VISIT
TO MOSCOW.

2. A "STATEMENT" WAS ISSUED JOINTLY IN DACCA AND
MOSCOW AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT. AFTER NOTING
THAT TABARAK HUSAIN AHD VISITED MOSCOW AS A "SPECIAL
ENVOY" OF PRESIDENT SAYEM (AND THUS GIVING THE VISIT
STANDING COMMENSURATE WITH THE SATTAR VISIT TO NEW DELHI),
THE STATEMENT WENT ON TO SAY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE
-- "THE TWO SIDES HAD FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS
OF MUTUAL INTEREST".

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-- THE ATMOSPHERE WAS MARKED BY "CORDIALITY".

-- BOTH BANGLADESH AND THE SOVIET UNION "REAFFIRMED"
THEIR "DESIRE TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
ONE ANOTHER ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLES OF PEACE-

FUL COEXISTENCE WHICH INCLUDE RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY
AND TERRIORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN
EACH OTHERS INTERNAL AFFAIRS".

-- BOTH ALSO REAFFIRMED "CONSISTENT SUPPORT TO THE
PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUB-
CONTINENT AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF FRIENDSHIP AND
COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL THE COUNTRIES IN THAT REGION
AND IN THE WORLD AT LARGE."

3. COMMENT: WHILE THE STATE HAS A DISTINCT BOILER-
PLATE QUALITY, WE THINK OUR CONVERSATIONS AT THE FOREIGN
OFFICER IN COMING DAYS WILL REVEAL THAT THE BANGALEES
ARE PLEASED WITH ITS TERMS. FIRST, THE "NON-INTERFERENCE"
REFERENCE WILL BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME, AND THE BANGALEES
WILL SURELY USE IT LIBERALLY WITH THE INDIAN. SECOND,
THE USE OF THE TERM "SOUTH ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT" WILL
ALLOW THE BANGALEES TO CLAIM THAT THE SOVIETS ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT THE REGION IS NO RPT NOT AN INDIAN FIFDOM. THIRD,
REITERATED SUPPORT FOR NORMALIZATION IN SOUTH ASIA
NECESSARILY REFERS AS MUCH TO PAK-BANGALEE RELATIONS
AS IT DOES TO ANYTHING ELSE, AND THUS WILL PERMIT THE
BANGALEES TO ASSERT TO THE INDIAN THAT THE SOVIETS
HAVE NO RPT NO PROBLEM WITH THE TIES NOW EMERGING.

4. FOR A COUNTRY WHICH PLAYS FROM WEKNES, BANGLADESH
SEEMS TO DO SOME THINGS PRETTY WELL.
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